(d) the effective measures being taken by Government to ensure uninterrupted availability of these facilities at reasonable level?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) As per available information, there is no textile mill in public and co-operative sector in the State of Meghalaya as on 31.1.2000.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Change in policy for captive power producers

*289. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any changes in its policy towards captive power producers;

(b) if so, the details of the changes made therein; and

(c) how it is going to affect the overall availability of power in the country?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Government of India, through a circular letter dated October 9,1995, has advised the State Governments/State Electricity Boards to encourage setting up of captive generation plants and to create an institutional mechanism which allows captive power units an easy entry into the power sector by quickly clearing captive power applications, giving the developers a rational tariff for purchase of surplus power by the grid and third party access for direct sale of power to other industrial units.

Proposal to establish an integrated MoD

290. SHRI SHANKAR ROY CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish an integrated Ministry of Defence, incorporating the necessary components of the Defence services within it;

(b) if so, what is the present position of the process; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not progressing it, contrary to statements made by the Minister earlier, as reported in the media?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Certain proposals including the recommendations of the Kargil Review